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<u>ABSTRACT</u>

The present invention is directed to the use of compounds of the formula:

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} R_2 \\ R - NH - \begin{array}{c|c} C - CNH - \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ O & R_3 & O \end{array}$$

for treating pain, in particular neuropathic pain, 15 bipolar disease and migraine headaches.

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